

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.

Chairs Brandtjen and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Janel Brandtjen, Jim Jeskewitz, Mike Inda, and Kathleen Cummings. Peter Wolff arrived at 1:04 p.m. **Absent:** Pauline Jaske and Gilbert Yerke.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell and Joe Vitale, and Supervisors Paul Decker, Jim Jeskewitz, Janel Brandtjen, and Duane Paulson. **Absent:** Citizen Members Mike O'Brien, Flor Gonzalez, and Dr. Peter Geiss.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Antwayne Robertson, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy-Haney, Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Addiction Resource Council Executive Director Claudia Roska, Children & Family Services Manager Lisa Roberts, Intake & Support Services Manager Jesus Mireles, Information Systems Coordinator Eric Dohman, and Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweiss. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 12-8-11

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of December 8. Motion carried 4-0 as amended.

Wolff arrived at 1:04 p.m.

Review Correspondence

Copies of the 2012 Health & Human Services Committee/Board meeting schedule were distributed.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

- February 16 (combined with the Health & Human Services Board)

Executive Committee Report of 12-12-11

Brandtjen highlighted the following items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Heard a report from the Milwaukee 7. Food manufacturing production and equipment is a topic of discussion for businesses in the Milwaukee region.
- Heard a presentation on the internal audit of the County Treasurer's Office. This procedural audit resulted in some minor recommendations for change.
- Approved five appointments.

Announcements

Brandtjen suggested a luncheon for Health & Human Services Board and Committee members on February 16.

State Legislative Update

Spaeth said she expects to have an update on additional State proposed Youth Aids cuts at the next meeting.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 12-8-11

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Paulson to approve the minutes of December 8. Motion carried 6-0 as amended.

Review Correspondence

Copies of the 2012 Health & Human Services Committee/Board meeting schedule were distributed. Farrell noted the advisory committees will present their needs lists on February 16 (Public Health and Mental Health) and March 15 (AODA and Child & Family Services).

Announcements

Farrell announced that JoAnn Weidmann has resigned from the Health & Human Services Board.

Schuler said the Health & Human Services Board will meet with County Executive Dan Vrakas on April 9 at 12:00 p.m. (lunch included) to discuss items presented at the Health & Human Services Board's public hearing of April 5 and provide input pertaining to future budgets.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Paulson to approve attendance of Health & Human Services Board members to their public hearing on April 5 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0. Vitale noted he would not be able to attend the public hearing.

Approve New Proposed Assessment Fee for the Intoxicated Driver Program (Board)

Roska distributed information and statistics pertaining to caseloads and fees in other counties. She said while the number of assessments has dropped, cost per assessment has increased and clients have far more complex needs. The older adult and the poly drug user require increased amounts of direct and indirect services time. While fewer clerical staff are needed, more professional staff hours are required. Higher professional standards are also required (education, continuing education, computer literacy, program monitoring and evaluation, etc.) The average assessment fee in southeast Wisconsin is \$245 with a high in Jefferson of \$295 and a low in Racine of \$200. The current fee in Waukesha County is \$205. Roska is proposing the fee be increased to \$255. According to a letter from Roska to Schuler dated November 4, 2011 they have not increased the assessment fee since 2007.

Paulson said he could not support a \$50 increase, particularly due to the fact there are fewer clients which requires less staff time. Paulson proposed the following alternative.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Farrell to support a \$20 increase. Motion defeated 3-3. Paulson, Farrell, and Decker voted yes.

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve increasing the Intoxicated Driver Program assessment fee from \$205 to \$255. Motion defeated 3-3. Vitale, Jeskewitz, and Brandtjen voted yes.

Spaeth asked Roska if the board vote was binding. Spaeth advised Corporation Counsel should be consulted.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Decker to table this item until clarification is provided by the Corporation Counsel's Office. Motion carried 6-0.

Statistic of the Month: County Communicable Disease Outbreaks (Combined)

Healy-Haney distributed information on the pertussis and norovirus outbreaks. The pertussis outbreak started in October 2011 and continues into 2012. Waukesha County currently has the most cases of pertussis in the state and that number has doubled since 2010. In 2011, 90 cases were confirmed out of 200 investigations and in 2010, 43 cases were confirmed out of 72 investigations. The increase in cases could be due to better lab reporting of the disease, loss of health insurance, delayed vaccinations, and parents choosing not to vaccinate (6% waiver rate). Norovirus swept through the county the last quarter of 2011. Outbreaks were reported in nine long-term care facilities with 362 people affected, four restaurants, and three out-of-county businesses. Reporting organizations received direct follow-up or consultation on communicable disease control. Healy-Haney discussed impacts on her staff and said on-call staff have been brought in so Public Health nurses can continue with investigations and help contain the disease.

Schuler and Healy-Haney discussed risks associated with non-vaccination and the spread of diseases. Schuler said people are becoming more rebellious and unwilling to cooperate when it comes to disease control whereby he spoke of current pertussis cases. Some citizens feel this is government invasion. Schuler said staff will be developing a process for more timely court orders when necessary. Healy-Haney said 42% of our two-year olds have not completed the series of immunizations. Vitale asked that a discussion on communicable disease control options be agendaized for a future meeting and said there is an apparent need to be more proactive. Farrell asked that the Public Health Advisory Committee first discuss this and propose recommendations.

Public Health Update (Combined)

Healy-Haney gave an update on yesterday's lengthy Community Health Improvement Plan Process (CHIPP) Committee meeting. The committee has been studying three large assessments and will need to select from those assessments what they consider leading health problems in this county and how to best intervene and make an impact. Some assessments were ranked last night and those remaining will be reviewed at the next meeting. The committee will ask for community input within the next few months and then prepare a report. Healy-Haney said they are doing "phenomenal" work and she is amazed by how many people, about 32, continue to work on this.

Deputy Director, Division Managers, and Other Staff Changes (Combined)

Schuler introduced Antwayne Robertson who replaced Don Maurer as Health & Human Services Deputy Director, Jesus Mireles who replaced Antwayne Robertson as Intake & Support Services Manager, Lisa Roberts who replaced Jesus Mireles as Children & Family Services Manager, Joan Sternweiss who replaced Mike DeMares as Clinical Services Manager, and Eric Dohman who replaced Ann Christman as Information Services Coordinator. Each employee discussed their past job experience. Randy Setzer replaced Russ Kutz as Administrative Services Manager but was unable to attend today.

Future Agenda Items

- Update on the Income Maintenance Consortium (Schuler)
- Discuss Communicable Disease Control Recommendations as Proposed by the Public Health Advisory Committee (Vitale, Farrell)

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Paulson to adjourn the board meeting at 1:26 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Cummings to adjourn the committee meeting at 1:26 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary for the Committee